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Letters to the Editor

Bhopal Concerns

Editor: The daily developing story of the tragedy in Bhopal, India, continues to provoke shock and shame. Is Union Carbide's appearance in India as the Angel of Death an aspect of this country's current preference for dealing with tough international matters by military means, peacetime registration for the draft and illegal conduct by the CIA?

The event arouses three concerns: (1) Is Union Carbide tightly tied by defense contracts to the Pentagon as are so many multi-nationals? (2) Given the extreme toxicity of methyl isocyanate, was the gas intended to be used not on "bugs" but on humans as an agent of warfare? (3) Has the press, which says methyl isocyanate is used in the manufacture of "insecticides," been muzzled by the government?

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